

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[OPP-50850; FRL-6056-7]

**Issuance of an Experimental Use Permit****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has granted an experimental use permit to the following applicant. The permit is in accordance with, and subject to, the provisions of 40 CFR part 172, which defines EPA procedures with respect to the use of pesticides for experimental use purposes.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Ann Sibold, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Rm. 212, CM #2, Arlington, VA, 703-305-6502, e-mail: sibold.ann@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has issued the following experimental use permit:

264-EUP-119. Issuance. Rhone-Poulenc AG Company, P.O. Box 12014, 2 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. This experimental use permit allows the use of 0.0012 pounds of the insecticide fipronil on 60 acres of turfgrass that is not used for grazing or recreation to evaluate the control of imported fire ants. The program is authorized only in the States of Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas. The experimental use permit is effective from December 21, 1998 to December 21, 1999.

Persons wishing to review this experimental use permit are referred to the designated contact person. Inquires concerning this permit should be directed to the person cited above. It is suggested that interested persons call before visiting the EPA office, so that the appropriate file may be made available for inspection purposes from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 136.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection,  
Experimental use permits.

Dated: January 21, 1999.

**James Jones,**

*Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[OPPTS-00235; FRL-5772-5]

**Printed Wiring Board Cleaner Technologies Substitute Assessment, Making Holes Conductive; Notice of Availability****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Design for The Environment (DfE) Program is announcing the availability of a document providing pollution prevention and human health and environmental risk reduction information for the Printed Wiring Board industry.

**ADDRESSES:** The document is available free of charge for a limited time from the Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse (PPIC), Environmental Protection Agency (7409), 401 M St. SW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone 202-260-1023, fax 202-260-4659 and e-mail at: ppic@epamail.epa.gov. Also, the document can be viewed and downloaded from the DfE Program web site at <http://www.epa.gov/dfc>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dipti Singh, Design for the Environment Program, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7406), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC, 20460; 202-260-1678, fax 202-260-0981, e-mail: oppt.dfc@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Project Background**

The document entitled "Printed Wiring Board Cleaner Technologies Substitutes Assessment: Making Holes Conductive" (EPA 744-R-97-002a and b) details the findings of EPA's Design for the Environment (DfE) Printed Wiring Board (PWB) Project regarding alternative technologies for performing the "making holes conductive" function during the manufacture of PWB's. The draft report was released in August 1996 (August 22, 1997, 62 FR 44692; (FRL-5724-5)). Minor changes made due to internal review have been incorporated in the final document.

EPA's Design for the Environment (DfE) Program began working with the Printed Wiring Board (PWB) Industry in 1994, to identify and evaluate environmentally beneficial and cost effective alternatives to PWB manufacturing technologies. The DfE PWB Project is a voluntary, cooperative partnership between EPA, the PWB industry, public-interest groups, and other stakeholders. The goal of this Project is to provide information that will assist the PWB industry in making informed decisions when evaluating and implementing beneficial alternatives to PWB manufacturing technologies.

For purposes of this study, the project evaluated seven alternative technologies for performing the "making holes conductive" (MHC) function during the manufacture of PWBs. The non-conveyorized electroless copper process was considered the baseline process against which alternative technologies and equipment configurations were compared. With this notice, EPA is announcing the availability of the final document entitled "Printed Wiring Board Cleaner Technologies Substitutes Assessment: Making Holes Conductive."

This document marks the culmination of research by the DfE PWB Project and the University of Tennessee Center for Clean Products and Clean Technologies. The data gathered on the comparative risk, performance, cost, and natural resource requirements of the alternatives and baseline technologies are presented in this document.

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**William H. Sanders III,**

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**FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION****Farm Credit Administration Board; Special Meeting****Sunshine Act Meeting****AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), of the special meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

**DATE AND TIME:** The special meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on February 2, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.